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PACKAGE FOR FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Davangere and Chitradurga Districts of Karnataka have been severely affected by drought;

(b) if so,whether the Union Government has announced some special package for the farmers of Davangere and Chitradurga Districts of Karnataka;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when this package is likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA):

(a) to (d) During 2004-05, the Government of Karnataka had declared parts of several districts in the State as drought affected, which included Davanagere and Chitradurga districts also. In response to the Memorandum submitted by the State Government seeking Central assistance for drought relief, an Inter-Ministerial Central Team visited the drought affected areas in the State for assessment of the situation. This was considered by the High Level Committee (HLC) for approval. On the basis of this approval, Rs. 49.14 crores from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) and 1.14 lakh MTs of foodgrains, free of cost, under special component of Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) for relief employment have been released to the State. The entire Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for 2004-05 amounting to Rs. 67.98 crores have also been released to the State.